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CHLORIDE-KERWIN FIELD SPUDDED IN WELL LAST SUNDAY

The Chloride-Kerwin oil field started active development last Sunday with the spudding in of the first well. Mrs. John Musser who attended the spudding in was kind enough to write the occurrence as she saw it. She wrote:

"The 'Spudding In' of the first well, was a great success. A perfect day, an enthusiastic crowd and everything went off without a hitch.

The machinery is of substantial make and size, with a capacity of 2000 ft. The man in charge knows his business and everything points to success. Just now, water is hauled by team from a little lake in the river bottom. A well is being dug near the lake and a pumping plant will be installed, to pump the water to the top of the mesa, to the site of the well, about 1000 yards distant. The camp is near the lake, with an abundance of wood and water handy. It is an ideal spot just now.

The first car to arrive was that of Al Jageron and associates, from Chloride, the second, was the only car from Kingman, which oversight on the part of Kingman is to be regretted. Mr. and Mrs. John Musser and their son George, accompanied by May and Mattie Wilkins and Leonard Neal motored from Kingman, by way of Chloride to the oil-fields, reaching there about 10:45 A. M. a distance of 61.2 miles.

Other cars arriving, the parking lane was soon filled with cars of all makes and sizes, from Fords to Chalmers.

A party coming from Searchlight, Nevada, was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Cashman and family, Mrs. B. R. Stromer, Mrs. Ruth Hatfield, Mrs. F. W. Guserville, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crofts, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Walsh, Mr. C. L. Mahn, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bremner, Mrs. Allen Knolls, Miss Norman Jenkins, Wm. Kerwin and P. W. Sayles.

Among those from Chloride were Mr. and Mrs. Sterling, Mrs. Hodges, Mr. Perdue from Elkhart Mine, Chloride, Mr. Eaton, President of the Chloride-Kerwin Oil and Gas Co., Mr. Corbit, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Davis, Messrs. J. L. Weimer, Raymond Hall, Prof. Kimmel, of the Chloride Public School, Messrs. J. Ausenhus, Hugh Wilson, Herb Hayward, Chas. Fauth, Mr. and Mrs. Dick French, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Lauzon, Mr. and Mrs. Sage.

After lunch the crowd assembled at the site of the well, machinery in perfect order. Mr. Eaton stepped forward and gave a short address, introducing Mrs. Duncan, who broke a bottle on the drill, splashing its contents, said to be the 'Desert Rats Whiskey Substitute', (Beef, Iron and Wine), over all, saying, 'I christen you, Buena Fortuna and may you bring us, all that your name implies.'

The engine was started, the drill dropped with a thud. After the preliminary argument with the gas, the machinery settled into its rhythmic chant and the 'spudding in' was done.

The big drill bored its way three feet deep in the half hour we watched.

This venture deserves the support of the community. Its purpose is three-fold, to develop oil is its main issue, but on the side, tests will be made for placer conditions and the water supply measured, in regard to irrigating the lands along the river.

Three gas blow-holes have been encountered and the oil seepages have been found. The formation resembles very strongly some of the specimens exhibited here, that have been brought from Texas and New Mexico."

MARSHALL HARRIS TO ENTER SCHOOL

Marshall Harris will leave to-day for Mare Island after spending a couple of weeks in Kingman. Harris is in charge of the X-Ray laboratory at Mare Island, which, last year did more X-Ray work than any hospital on the coast.

Harris expects to quit his work at Mare Island in July or August and start to medical school, probably at Stanford, where he will specialize in Roentgenology and Internal Medicine. As an X-Ray expert he is recognized around San Francisco and out of school hours he will not only be able to pay his expenses, doing this work, but will make a good salary.

ANYONE MISSED IN THE CENSUS?

Phyllis Smith, census taker for the Kingman district, asks any person who has been missed to please let her know at once as she has about finished the Kingman census. Word may be left at the Miner Office.

STATE SUPT. OF HEALTH URGES PHYSICIANS TO REPORT THEIR CASES

A letter from Dr. George E. Goodrich, State Superintendent of Public Health, to the County Superintendent of Health, states that death certificates from various counties of the state show that physicians are very culpable in their neglect of the law governing the reporting of communicable diseases, especially of influenza and pneumonia. He wishes to impress upon the physicians of this county the necessity of reporting promptly to the County Health Officer any cases of contagious or infectious diseases coming to their knowledge, so that he may in turn report them promptly to the State health authorities.

The County Health Officer hopes that the physicians of Mohave County will take notice of this and use due diligence in the prompt reporting of all such cases.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The event of the year for the Literary Department of the Thursday Afternoon Club was the meeting held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. C. A. Warren. Rev. T. H. Dodd conducted the class, the subject studied being Tolstoy. Rev. Dodd gave a short introduction on modern Russian literature, then a sketch of the life of Tolstoy, followed by brief comments on several of his books. He analyzed in particular Tolstoy's "War and Peace" and "Anna Karenina" including appreciations of two of his heroines.

Being thoroughly versed on the works of this eminent Russian author, Rev. Dodd presented his subject in such a manner as to bring to the class vivid pictures of Tolstoy as a man and an idea of the scope of his influence and the importance of his work as a writer.

To those who heard Rev. Dodd's presentation, Tolstoy will hereafter be a living personality instead of a mere name. Expressions of appreciation from this Department of the Club are due Rev. Dodd for an evening, both delightful and instructive, and to Mrs. Warren for her part in arranging the program.

RETURNS FROM COAST

H. J. Dubin returned Wednesday a business trip to the coast. While there he purchased law books and other things for the office which he will open in the George Building in the near future.

AT PHOENIX

Supervisor A. M. MacDuffee is in Phoenix where he attended a good roads meeting at Thursday and then stayed over Friday to attend the Pershing celebration.

LADIES AID

The business meeting of the Ladies Aid Society will be held in the Social Hall of the Church on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 14th.

All members are requested to be present.

"NEW ARRIVALS"

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graves of Hackberry are the proud possessors of a ten pound boy born Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cofer have a brand new baby girl, born this week. Born this week to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Porter an 8 pound baby girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Joder Friday night, an 8 pound baby girl.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Service 11:00 A. M.
Evening Service 7:30 P. M.
Ladies Aid Society on Wednesday at 2:30 P. M.

T. H. DODD.

GOVERNOR CAMPBELL ASKED TO PUT GOOD ROADS QUESTION IN CALL

The committee from the Arizona Good Roads Association has asked Governor Campbell to put the question of good roads in his call for a special session of the legislature. Just what action the Governor will take is not yet known. In speaking of the matter the Phoenix Republican has this to say:

"We are not yet sure what the governor will do about including in his call for an extraordinary session of the legislature, recommendations for remedial highway legislation. We share, we think, with the governor and nearly all other Arizonans the distaste of the extraordinary sessions of the past—their futility, their waste and their political plays. We agree that legislatures should be called into extraordinary sessions only on the most urgent business, and that they should be limited to that business.

The ratification or consideration of the Susan B. Anthony amendment is urgent business, but for which there would now be no call for a special session. But there is other urgent business, something that will mean much more to Arizonans than the extension of votes to women, now living in non-suffrage states. That is good roads. Our road legislation is in bad shape and was left there, thanks to the partisan political play in the last regular session. We find ourselves hemmed in, handicapped, for lack of funds and unable to make use of our natural resources, of which we have a wealth, in road building. Those defects in our highway legislation will

cost this county alone, several hundred thousand dollars in our permanent highway program. The same additional cost will be attached to programs that may be undertaken in all the other counties. State highway building can be carried on under our present law only by resorting to expedients.

The state good roads association composed of foremost citizens of both parties, without any thought of party advantage, but with an intense interest in permanent highway construction have asked the governor to include in his call, recommendations for such remedial legislation as may be necessary to enable the counties and the state to carry on the work with the greatest efficiency at the least cost.

We believe that the governor will yet give this request the consideration it deserves; that he will grant it and will so frame his recommendations as to safeguard the state against political play and against the loitering of the legislators to the great expense of the people.

As we understand it, the good roads association has not asked the governor to recommend the working out of a highway code, or otherwise throw open wide the gate to highway legislation, but to provide for curing the palpable defects of the laws which are now a brake upon highway construction and add so much to the expense of it; which contributes so much to the waste of the money of the taxpayers.

WALLAPAI OIL CO. ELECTS DIRECTORS

The stockholders of the Wallapai Oil Company held their regular annual meeting last Thursday night at the court house in Kingman. The following directors were elected: Thomas Devine, H. J. Dubin, John Ware, A. Agrell and Sumner Beecher. Following the stockholders meeting the directors met and elected Tom Devine, president; John Ware, vice-president and H. J. Dubin, Secretary-treasurer.

The country in the vicinity of the Wallapai Oil Company's holdings in New Mexico, is taking on life this spring. A few miles south of there a couple of wells are reported at a depth of from 800 to 1500 feet, producing a valuable lubricating oil.

HERE IN INTEREST OF THE U. S. NAVY

Howard N. Smith, chief yeoman, U. S. Navy addressed the students of the High School Thursday afternoon. His subject was the Navy, the different kinds of guns used and the different kinds of ships.

Thursday night he showed late pictures of the Navy in action. These lectures and pictures are not only interesting but instructive for both young and old.

Mr. Smith wishes to thank the High School Principle, W. L. Linville, Postmaster Metcalfe and Henry Lang for their kind co-operation.

KINGMAN TO HAVE A BOWLING ALLEY

The vacant building, formerly occupied by the Kingman Mercantile Company, has been leased for the purpose of putting in a bowling alley and a shooting gallery. The place will be strictly up-to-date and will be run in such a manner that ladies will feel themselves welcome as well as men.

HERE ON MINING BUSINESS

W. R. Ramsdell, of Tucson, was in Mohave County this week on mining business. Mr. Ramsdell says that he intends to be a candidate for the U. S. Senate on the democratic ticket this year if the people of the state favor his candidacy. He will visit Mohave County in about six weeks if he decides to become a candidate.

"FRENCH LEAVE"

Postmaster Metcalfe received word this week that a young man who enlisted for the navy from here in October has taken "French leave" and the authorities are after him. The young man's name is James Charles Smith and his age is 19 years.

SECRETARY OF STATE BOARD OF HEALTH SAY REGISTER THE BABY

Birth Registration is exceedingly important. Frequently the payment of large sums of money depend upon the birth certificate. Often the eligibility of a man or woman to important places will depend upon the date of their birth. Arizona makes it a misdemeanor for a physician or midwife to "neglect or refuse" to file a proper certificate within five days.

A list of the babies whose births were registered in this county during the month of December, 1919, is given herewith. Parents should insist upon their child receiving this protection. If any name is omitted, it should be forwarded without delay.

Parents desiring certified copies of their baby's birth registration can secure same from the Secretary of the State Board of Health, Phoenix, Arizona. The fee is 50 cents. Births Registered in Mohave County.

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KINGMAN DISTRICT

Houtz, girl. Parents: John A. and Myra Morey Houtz.

Padilla, Raymond, boy. Parents: Herbert and Maggie Banegas Padilla.

Robinson, Barbara J., girl. Parents: Ray B. Robinson and Marjorie R. Meade Robinson.

OATMAN DISTRICT

Galasso, Anatolia, girl. Parents: Vincenzo and Erena Decenso Galasso.

Sweetland, Renore, girl. Parents: Kenneth L. and Clara Withington Sweetland.

Winsett, boy. Parents: W. B. and Marguerite Withington Winsett.

PEACH SPRING SDISTRICT

Orgain, James C., boy. Parents: Roy D. and Leona Bloomer Orgain.

SIGNAL DISTRICT

Olea, Ynnocente H., boy. Parents: Ysidore and Madelene June Halleck Olea.

THOUGHT INSANE IS TAKEN OFF TRAIN

Tuesday evening the sheriff's office was notified by the conductor on No. 9 that an insane Chinaman was on board. Meeting the train they found the oriental, who was found to be a Korean, and locked him up. At first it was thought he was insane but later, as he showed improvement, they came to the conclusion that he had been suffering from some drug.

He will be turned loose to-day.

MRS. HARRIS RETURNS TO COAST

Mrs. Florence St. Charles Harris returned to California Sunday night. She will pay a short visit to her father Kean St. Charles, former proprietor of Our Mineral Wealth, and later go on to join her husband, William Harris, at his home near Modesto.

The young people of Kingman will miss Florence as she has grown up with many of them, and they will wish her happiness as she embarks on married life.

CLUB MEETING

The Thursday Afternoon Club will hold its next regular meeting Thursday, Feb. 5th in the M. E. Church parlors. Following is the program:

Paper: "Government Penal Institutions and Schools of Arizona"—Miss Cora Lampson.

Speaker: Mr. C. W. Herndon.

Subject: "Some Things Arizona Needs".

Piano Solo: Mrs. C. L. Lewis.

SICK IN L. A.

Allen E. Ware, who accompanied his brother, Charles Ware, of Chloride, to the city last week, where the latter underwent an operation, is detained in the city himself with a cold. He is at the California hospital where he will probably be detained most of next week at least.

Charles Ware successfully underwent his operation and is getting along nicely.

CHECKS OVER BOOKS CASE IS DISMISSED

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Hartley returned to Los Angeles after Mr. Hartley had finished checking over the books of the treasurer's office where it had been claimed a shortage existed. The charge which had been preferred against Mr. Hartley was dismissed by Judge Smith upon recommendation of L. B. Christy, state examiner, as the discovery of certain mistakes on the books explained the shortage which the state examiner had thought existed.

Mr. Hartley will go back to his work at Los Angeles where he is employed as auditor for a large concern.

GUN CLUB SCORES FOR LAST SUNDAY

A large number of shooters turned out last Sunday morning at the trap of the Kingman Gun Club, among them several recruits new to the game of breaking the clays. Below is published the scores made by the different shooters:

GUN CLUB SCORE

Thos. Devine 20.
J. H. Rosenberg 19.
Paul Morton 15.
John McKesson 17.
J. M. Gates 20.
Thos. Devine, Jr. 19.
H. H. Watkins 23.
E. J. Hoerst 8.
Joe Steed 20.
C. A. Patterson 11.
Geo. Loreditch 10.
Henry E. Lang.
Jesse S. Hulet 20.
D. Fridel 11.
H. L. Hoskins 17.
W. L. Robinson 9.
Chas. Granger 10.
J. N. Brewer 16.

A great deal of interest was displayed and a larger attendance promised for next Sunday's shoot.

DISTRIBUTE BOOKS FOR EX-SERVICE MEN

The Librarian of the University of Arizona has just received word from the War Service Branch of the American Library Association that it has been decided to distribute to the various states the surplus war service books, a collection of approximately 200,000 volumes. These books will be sent to the library commissions and other agencies in each state for distribution to hospitals, sanatoria, or other institutions for the benefit of ex-service men.

One-half of these books will be distributed to the states and territories of the United States in proportion to the number of men from each state in service during the war; and the other half as the need of the service men in each state shall appear. One of the factors to be considered in the apportionment of the second half will be the number of books in the libraries of each state in proportion to its population.

The books will be given to the state with the understanding that they may be used either as a part of loan or traveling library collection, or placed permanently with communities or organizations in accordance with the following suggestions:

(1) That the War Service aspect of the origin of the books be kept in view in using them, and that special consideration be given to individual and group requests from the ex-service men.

(2) That books shall be given or lent only to institutions that will circulate them free of charge, and that will make them readily accessible to the public at reasonably frequent intervals.

The quota of books which has been allotted to the state of Arizona consists of about nine hundred volumes which are now on the way. A gift of two hundred books has already been received from the El Paso branch of the American Library Association War Service.

Miss Luttrell, the University Librarian, has been officially designated to handle the distribution of these books for Arizona, and all requests for such volumes should be sent to her.

T. E. Pollock, who has been ill with pneumonia at his home at Flagstaff, is reported much better. However he has not yet been able to leave his home to attend to business matters.